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Submitted herewith is the following document relating to the above-identified patent application:

(1) Response to Restriction Requirement.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the outstanding Office Action dated October 13, 2004, Applicants present the following remarks: